

August 11, 2003

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, September 17, 18, and 19, 2003

PLACE: Wyndham Hotel San Jose
1350 N. First Street
San Jose, CA 95112
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The California Mental Health Planning Council invites you to attend its meeting on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, September 17, 18, and 19, 2003 at the Wyndham Hotel San Jose, 1350 N. First Street, San Jose, CA, (408) 998-6204.

On Wednesday afternoon, the System of Care Committee will meet. On Thursday morning, the Human Resources, Quality Improvement, and Policy and System Development Committees will meet. Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe these meetings.

On Thursday afternoon, we are please to have Stephen W. Mayberg, Ph.D., Director of the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) and one of the commissioners on the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, present the final report: "Achieving the Promise: Transforming Mental Health Care in America." Dr. Mayberg will also update the Planning Council on DMH activities. Next on Thursday, a representative from Assembly Member Yee's office will dialogue with the Planning Council on mental health issues and prospective legislative proposals.

Continuing our year's theme of funding issues in the mental health system, we will conclude Thursday's meeting with two presentations on Medicaid. The first presentation will help the Planning Council understand California's process, the impact of EPSDT growth, and the federal Medicaid block grant proposal. This presentation will be made by representatives from the Department of Mental Health. The final presentation of the day will be on San Mateo County's innovative and cost-effective use of case rates and the pharmacy carve-out in its mental health managed care program.

On Friday morning, we plan to have a presentation related to our funding theme on the plight of the uninsured/medically indigent and how this crisis affects California. Also on Friday, we will hear updates on the activities of the California Mental Health Directors Association, the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions, and the DMH Cultural Competence Advisory Committee.

The Planning Council will also provide time on the agenda on Friday at 10:15 a.m. for members of the public to voice their concerns about mental health issues of importance to them. Attached to this notice is a "Request To Present Comments Before the California Mental Health Planning Council." If you are interested in making a comment, please complete the form and return it to the Planning Council at least two days before the meeting.

A copy of the agenda is attached. Access to this agenda, meeting notice, and "Request to Present" form is also available on our website at www.dmh.ca.gov/MHPC. If you have any questions, please call Beverly Whitcomb, the Planning Council's Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 654-3585. We hope to see you there.

Attachments